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Subject: RE: Microsoft Settlement

I originally sent this mail item (below the line) to Richard Blumenthal, Attorney General, State of Connecticut <attorney.general@po.state.ct.us>. He mailed me back and suggested that I forward you a copy concerning MY concerns about the Microsoft settlement. Thanks in advance for your concern and attention. These are matters that are very important to all americans and have unfortunately gotten pushed from the public's primary attention by the events of Sept 11.

As a concerned american... and a very knowledgeable computer professional... Who uses Microsoft products....

I want to urge you to CONTINUE your efforts to rein in the behavior of Microsoft in any way possible.

It is hard to express in words how disappointed I am with the Bush administration and the Dept. of Justice's decision to settle this case short of its original goals. I want to further state that after having said these things.... that I am a conservative republican, who find governmental intrusion into the private sector offensive.. but in this particular case, it is not only justified, but damned important for the good of this country.

Microsoft is not ANYONE'S friend. Their goal is become a global corporate entity with the same influence and power that an autonomous country has... And nothing short of pro-active intervention on the part of knowledgeable law enforcement is going to prevent:

- (1) The illegal conduct of Microsoft and similar conduct in the future
- (2) To spark competition in the information technology industry
- (3) To deprive Microsoft of its illegal gains

Microsoft is attempting to control the global network... one information protocol at a time. By nothing more intrusive than seemingly benign software 'upgrades'.. all the while... every other computer platform becomes less capable of communicating efficiently across networks DOMINATED by Microsoft software...

This 'incompatibility' is not an accident on their part.... This is a planned 'feature' of their software.. This being software not written to do productive work as its primary function, but to ensure an ever widening sphere of Microsoft dominated networks. Productive work being its secondary function.

This 'incompatibility by upgrade' must stop. Your efforts must continue until Microsoft realizes it is not going to be allowed to force its vision of the future on us any more that Osama Bin Ladin is.

You're legal efforts have my total ethical and political support.

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